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CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/EP97/04762

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

27 August 1997

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

1 October 1996

TITLE OF INVENTION

**COMPOSITE WEAR COMPONENT**

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herein submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
  2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
  3. ☒ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
  4. ☒ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from earliest claimed priority date.
  5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
    - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
    - b. ☒ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
    - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
  6. ☒ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
  7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
    - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
    - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
    - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
    - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
  8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
  - ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
  10. ☒ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).
- Items 11. to 16. below concern other document(s) or information included:**
11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
  12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
  13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
  - ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
  14. ☐ A substitute specification.
  15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
  16. ☒ Other items or information:

International Search Report — EPO

PCT/IB/301 Form

PCT/IB/304 Form

PCT/IB/308 Form

EPA/EPO/OEB Form 1001.1 — indicating *correct* priority date of 1 October 1996

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International Preliminary Examination Report — with Annexes in French

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17. ☒ The following fees are submitted:**Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):**International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1))  
..... \$670.00No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (2))  
but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... \$760.00Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (3)) nor  
international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO) ..... **\$970.00**International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (4))  
and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) ..... \$96.00Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (5)) ... **\$840.00**

CALCULATIONS

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**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =**

\$ 840.00

Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ☐ 20 ☒ 30  
months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).

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Claims

Number Filed

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11 -20 =

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2 -3 =

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+ \$260.00

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**TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =**

\$ 970.00

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Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).

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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be  
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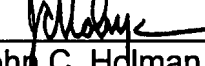
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a. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 970.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1358 in the amount of \$ --- to cover the above fees.  
A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.c. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge my account any additional fees set forth in  
§1.492 during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.  
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